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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, VINNIE

Love, Rosanne and the VVH Family!

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VERMONT VETERANS' HOME

Fulfilling the Promise

The Vermont Veterans' Home was established in Bennington in 1884. It is governed by a Board of Trustees appointed by the Governor. The VVH offers a complete range of specialized care services for its residents. VVH goals focus on ensuring the dignity, independence, and the highest possible care and quality of life for each resident.

VVH is licensed to meet all levels of care for its residents and the VVH's departments and staff work together to provide those levels of care.

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From the Administrator—Melissa Jackson

To Our VVH Family and Friends,

Happy Summer-



We are very excited to welcome back the Father's Day Car Show. The show will take place on June 18th from 10 am to 2 pm on the VVH property. We strongly encourage family members to join us for this event and help us get as many Veterans and Members outside to participate in this event.

Despite being an outdoor activity, we will be encouraging all in attendance to wear a facial covering, practice social distancing, and sanitize your hands frequently. We will have cloth masks and hand sanitizer available for all in attendance.



We will be limiting access to the facility to the family members of our Veterans and Members. Family members who will be entering the facility will follow our usual screening process.

We look forward to seeing you on June 18th.

Take Care,

Melissa

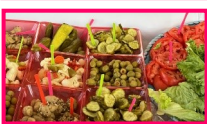
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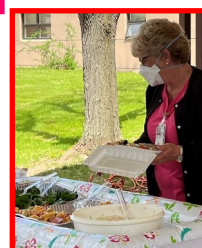


Thanks For All You Do!



THE EMPLOYEE APPRECIATION LUNCH FOR
NURSING HOME WEEK WAS CATERED BY

STREET EATS



From the Deputy Administrator
Asa Morin



“We can complain because rose bushes have thorns or rejoice because thorns have roses.” — Alphonse Karr

As Covid cases again surge in the community and each day brings its own struggles, there is still so much for us to be grateful for.

As Memorial Day passes, I am grateful for the Veterans who made the ultimate sacrifice of their lives to protect our freedoms. I am also grateful for the Veterans who reside with us and that I have the honor to serve each day.

I am grateful that Summer is here with the month of June.

I am grateful for the friends and families of our Veterans who support them and who support what we do here at the Veterans' Home.

And I am grateful to our staff who work hard day in and day out despite the challenges we face. I am in awe of their dedication. You may see signs around the building recognizing the Healthcare Heroes who work here. I encourage everyone to express their gratitude and share their kind words. If you would like to share gratefulness to one of our employees, please let me know so we can include it in our daily and weekly recognitions.

Feel free to email, call or stop me in the hall!

Asa



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A donation of “Open When...” cards and caregiver bags was made by the American Legion Auxiliary-Unit 7 Eastern Division Junior Activities. Pictured with Asa, COO and Michele are Jr. Member Madison



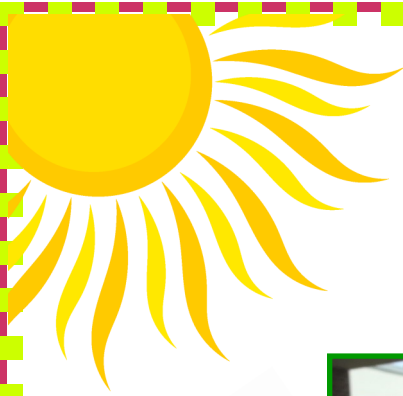
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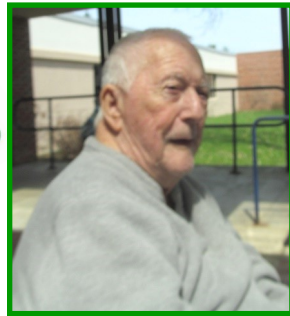
Plans to go to the Fish Pond and enjoy the day were thwarted by the incoming weather.

Our residents made a quick decision to walk back before the rain began.





Sing-A-Long



On a beautiful spring afternoon, Sara of Activities planned a music program and Karaoke for the residents.



Sara calls out the numbers and suits for



Bingo



Michele & Melissa accept the generous donation from the American Legion Auxiliaries Units 49 & 50 who asked their communities of Fair Haven and Castleton to be involved in this venture. What an outpouring of gifts chosen from the Donations page of the Buzz!!! **THANK YOU ALL.**



HERE THEY ARE AGAIN!! Ladies of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 49 and Unit 50, brought Mother's Day Balloons, flowers and neck pillows for our lady residents.

The wonderful donations are accepted by Melissa, CEO.

THANKS SO MUCH

Jacob Rogers-Martin will be assuming visitation duties with our Veterans and Members in the temporary absence of Chaplain Ken Coonradt who, at this time, is unable to fulfill this role.

Jacob may be a familiar face to many as he was previously employed by VVH as a social worker.

We welcome Jacob back and appreciate his continued dedication to our Veterans and Members. Thank you, Jacob.



Howdy Folks,

Memorials and their meaning... "This day shall be unto you a memorial".
Exodus 12:14

Chaplain's Corner

We're coming up to our annual Memorial Day as I write this. It is a time to remember our Veterans who served our Country, some with their lives. We also remember our loved ones who have gone by before us. May God continue to bless the souls of all our Veterans and Patriots.

Memorials were originally ideas which eventually became Memorial Day. The Old Testament contains records of many memorials. The greatest of these was the day set apart to commemorate the people of Israel from Satan destroying them, and their deliverance from bondage by their oppressors.

And of course we have a Memorial Day, where we as a people, are also summoned to remember. Ours is not a religious connotation yet it has a profound spiritual significance. While we separate the function of Church and State, we do not separate religion from the total life of our Nation. As citizens we have reason to be profoundly grateful to God because we have been delivered from fear and oppression and given opportunity for the freest life anyone has ever known.

Hope you all had an opportunity to celebrate Memorial Day, perhaps by planting a flower at the grave of a Veteran or loved one. Or maybe, just sat around with someone and shared memorials of those you remember.

God bless, Chaplain Ken



Flag Day falls within National Flag Week, a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the Nation's freedom. The flag of the United States represents freedom and has been an enduring symbol of the Country's ideals since its early days. During both events, Americans also remember their loyalty to the Nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the Nation's unity.

The American flag, also nicknamed as "Old Glory" or "star-spangled banner", has changed designs over the centuries. It consists of 13 equal horizontal stripes of red (top and bottom) alternating with white, with a blue rectangle in the canton bearing 50 small, white, five-pointed stars. Each of the 50 stars represents one of the 50 States in the United States and the 13 stripes represent the original 13 colonies that became the first states in the Union.



Mother's Day Tea

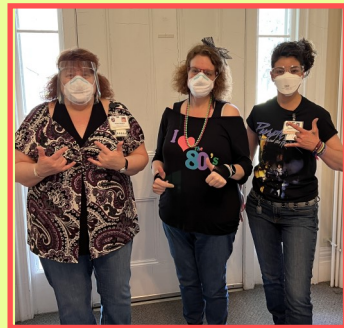


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The American Legion
Auxiliary Unit 13





We love,
We care,
We make a
DIFFERENCE



And we have fun

**CELEBRATING
NURSING
HOME
WEEK
May 8-14**





On behalf of the Veterans and Members,
we sincerely thank the following for their
generous donations:

Phyllis and Rhonda Roberts

Steve Leach

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 49

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 50

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 31-Rutland

Congregational Church-United Church of Christ

DAV Auxiliary Milton c/o Patricia Garret

Don Jones

Stella Stevens

American Legion Auxiliary Dept. of Vermont

Crime Victims' Service Center

Shires Housing—Kim Cook

American Legion Auxiliary Unit 13

Am. Legion Auxiliary Eastern Div. Jr. Activities-

East Hardwick

In Memory of Ruth Barnhill

Jack Barnhill



*Thank You
So Much*

For your donations.

*It's nice to be
remembered.*

CAR SHOW SATURDAY, JUNE 18

10 am — 2 pm

(Rain date, Sunday June 19)

Sponsored by

**The State Line Car Club &
The Vermont Veterans' Home**

Disclaimer: Tentative, and will depend upon
restrictions and State guidelines.

VVH Staff Recognition Years of Service

CLEANING/HOUSEKEEPING/ LAUNDRY

Patti Parker — 19 years

Cindy Crawford — 5 years

DIGITAL SERVICES

Scott Betit — 7

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES

George Dickie — 4 year

FINANCE

Tina Norman — 12 years

NURSING

Bonnie Sauer — 32 years

Donna Richards — 20 years

Patricia Babcock — 15 years

Bobbie-Joe Becker — 11 years

Rachel Starr — 11 years

Jamie Sherman — 4 years

Marie Norfleury — 1 years

SOCIAL SERVICES

Kelly Hayes — 4 years

**ONE TEAM
ONE SPIRIT**

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VVH WISH LIST

I-Pod Shuffles
(4th Generation)



Newspaper Subscriptions
Bingo Prizes Crafts
Neck Pillows Stamps
CD Players I-Tune Cards
Body Pillows Costume Jewelry
Outdoor Benches
Two pocket front wheelchair/walker bags

Please make the check for monetary donations out to Vermont Veterans' Home:

***Vermont Veterans' Home
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**Your donations are gratefully accepted.
THANK YOU**

Due to COVID-19, we are not able to accept: books, CDs, puzzles or used clothing. We will keep you posted when changes are made. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

DONATION INFORMATION

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Please indicate to which fund(s) you are donating:

Members Assistance:

Directly to Veterans/Members
Furniture, Haircuts, Clothing
Other personal needs

Namaste Program Fund:

Oils for relaxation
Supplies, Equipment

Unrestricted Fund:

Facility equipment
Large purchase

Activities Fund:

Entertainment

Music & Memory Fund:

iPods, Headphones, iTunes cards

NEW: Veteran's Mobility Trail

Monetary donations toward
a paved walkway around
the perimeter of the VVH

GOLF JOKE

Bob is on vacation and finishes his round and goes into the clubhouse.

Club Pro: "Did you have a good time out there?"

Bob: "Fabulous, thank you."

Club Pro: "You're welcome, How did you find the greens?"

Bob: "Easy, I just walked to the end of the fairways and there they were!"



What
kind of
trees do
fingers
grow
on?



PALM trees



Spring
is in
The Air

GOLF CART RIDES

enable our
residents to go
for outings
around the
grounds to see
the beautiful
sites



A field trip to the local animal shelter was arranged for VVH ladies to meet feline friends in the Arlington facility.



Sometimes the most
productive thing you
can do is
RELAX.





“FULFILLING THE PROMISE: Caring for the Veterans of Vermont and their families”



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